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evaluating responses to the electronic abstract received from the potential carriers, said responses including shipping information supplied by the carrier relating to the shipment of the goods or transaction information relating to the contract terms for the shipment;

C1
selecting one of the potential carriers for the on the basis of the responses to the electronic abstract and the carrier information maintained in said centralized logistics system.

B2 sub C1 40. A method according to claim 31, wherein one of said plurality of different transport modes comprises containership transport.